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Re Memphis LHM and airtel, 3/20/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM captioned and dated as above.

Three copies are enclosed for Atlanta, 2 for Chicago and 2 for WFO.

Copies are also being disseminated to the U. S. Attorney and U. S. Secret Service, Memphis, and to regional offices of military intelligence.

C. C. = Bishop

Source one is [redacted]
Source two is [redacted] used in characterization of JAMES BEVEL)

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Copies are furnished to Atlanta and Chicago for information since SCLC is headquartered in Atlanta and BEVEL is known to have recently lived in Atlanta and Chicago. WFO is being furnished copies because of the impending "Poor Peoples' Camp-In" to begin 4/22/68.

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Will continue to follow and report pertinent activities.

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

On March 21, 1968, a first source, who is most conversant with all key activities in the Negro community of Memphis, pointed out that he predicts 10,000 to 20,000 participants in the march, basing his prediction on the fact that some 13,000 turned out on the night of March 18, 1968, to hear King when he spoke at Mason Temple. He pointed out that every high school in Memphis which has Negro students, with an estimated 13,000 Negro high school students, has been saturated with leaflets urging all students to remain away from school and that a saturation is also being conducted at the junior high schools, which he estimated to have some 20,000 Negro students. He pointed out that a concerted effort is being made at all of the universities and colleges in Memphis to have students leave those institutions to participate in the march and that the major Negro businesses in Memphis, including Universal Life Insurance Company, Union Protective Life Insurance Company, North Carolina Mutual and Atlanta Life, have all told their employees, which would total several hundred, that they should take off and participate in the march. He stated that the Teamsters Union, the Firestone Local of the United Rubber Workers Union, which has about 1,000 Negro employees, and the United Auto Workers Union at the International Harvester Plant, which has about 1,000 Negro employees, have all promised mass turnouts on the part of their employees to participate in the march.

James Bevel, one of King's key workers, according to source one, has remained in Memphis since March 18, 1968, and has been working in concert with Harold Middlebrook, 257 Walker, a male Negro, in organizing college and high school students to participate in the march.

Source one advised that on March 20, 1968, Bevel and Middlebrook were taken to LeMoyne College, Memphis, by James Phillips and Clinton Roy Jamerson, who have admitted to source being members of the black power group in Memphis known as Black Organizing Power (BOP). Phillips and Jamerson arranged for a nonscheduled meeting at the Student Center, LeMoyne College, at noon on March 20, 1968, with approximately 75 to 100 LeMoyne students attending. Bevel was the main speaker and